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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: System and Method for  
State Data Back-up in a  
Distributed Data System

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF APRIL 5, 2006**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of April 5, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.